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1. THERE FOLLOWS SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF SKLYAROV-BECKLER LETTER RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 4 CONCERNING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF US PROJECT TEAM IN FIELD OF SCIENCE POLICY, AND ANSWERING BECKLER'S LETTER OF LATE JUNE. COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN SUBSTANCE: WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF OUR ACTIVITIES. IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO COMMENT THAT THE EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL BETWEEN SUBGROUPS IN CONTINUING, AND WE WILL TRY TO ACCELERATE THIS PROCESS SO THAT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WILL HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW.

WE AGAIN CONFIRM OUR READINESS TO MEET ALL MEMBERS OF JOINT WORKING GROUP AND THE FOUR SUBGROUPS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. WE ALSO FULLY AGREE WITH THE ORDER OF OUR WORK, AS PROPOSED BY YOU IN YOUR LETTER. AS TO YOUR PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE ARRIVAL OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TEAM A WEEK EARLIER, I.E., SEPTEMBER 16, FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH INSTITUTES, LET ME SAY THE FOLLOWING. WE SHALL TRY TO

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ORGANIZE VISITS TO SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES OF INTEREST

TO THE US EXPERTS SO THAT SUCH VISITS WILL BE MAXIMALLY PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, ARRANGING THESE VISITS BY SEPTEMBER 16 IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR VARIETY OF REASONS. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT THESE VISITS BE CONDUCTED AFTER OUR JOINT SESSIONS, I.E., BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, OR REVERSE THE ORDER AND HAVE THE FACILITY VISITS DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 AND THE JOINT SESSIONS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30. IN LATTER CASE, EXCEPTION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR SUBGROUP ON FINANCING, BECUASE GRISHAYEV WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30.

WE ARE ENCOUNTERING SOME DIFFICULTY IN CONNECTION WITH WORKING OUT A PROGRAM FOR SITE VISITS, SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE CLEAR IDEA OF YOUR DESIRES. IT IS EXPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WANT TO LIMIT YOURSELF TO FACILITIES IN THE MOSCOW AREA, OR WHETHER YOU CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO VISIT INSTITUTES IN OTHER CITIES AS WELL.

TO TAKE YOUR INTERESTS BETTER INTO ACCOUNT, WE PROPOSE THAT YOU CHOOSE FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES (FYI: SKLYAROV TOLD US THAT FOR FOLLOWING VISITS US TEAM COULD SPLIT UP, IF DESIRED ACCORDING TO INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.): (A) MOSCOW AREA: BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIFIC CENTER (PUSHCHINO); INSTITUE OF HIGH TEMPERATURES;INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS OF HIGH PRESSURES; INSTITUTE OF CONTROL PROBLEMS; MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY; MEETINGS AT GOSPLAN, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND SCST. (B) LENINGRAD: INSTITUE OF PHYSICO- TECHNICAL PROBLEMS; POLYTECHNIC INSTITUE; AND ONE OF THE SCIENTIFIC- INDUSTRIAL "ASSOCIATIONS." (C) KIEV: PATON WELDING INSTITUTE; INSTITUTE OF PROBLEMS OF MATERIAL CONDUCTIVITY; AND INSTITUTUE OF SUPERHARD MATERIALS. (D) NOVOSIBIRSK: SIBERIAN BRANCH OF SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY ORGANIZATIONAL WORK IN TIMELY FASHION, WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE IN NEXT FEW DAYS CONCERNING ABOVE MATTERS AND YOUR DESIRES, ESPECIALLY WHO AMONG USDEL WILL WISH TO VISIT WHICH INSTITUTES, AND WHICH OF ABOVE VARIANTS MOST ACCEPTABLE (I.E., VISITS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 FOLLOWED BY WORKING GROUP SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 30, OR VICE-VERSA). END SUBSTANCE.
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